

Y. In recent years, there has been a rise in the popularity of second-hand clothing amongst younger generations.

Why is this happening?

Do you think it's a positive or negative development?

Recently, wearing used clothes has ~~been~~ become more popular among young people. This trend is increasing because of the spread of websites which promote this kind of ~~garments~~ clothing. In my opinion, this is a positive trend as buying ~~second-hand~~ second-hand clothes ~~would~~ contributes positively ~~in~~ to saving our environment.

You have paraphrased the question well and given a clear outline of your main ideas with just some small language errors.

The reason why young adults are wearing used garments nowadays is because there are hundreds of websites which offer ~~high~~ high-quality used ~~pieces~~ items of ~~clothes~~ clothing at competitive prices. In other words, a lot of ~~low~~ low-income individuals prefer to buy their outfits through websites such as Weblly and Trendy which offer remarkable (it is unclear in what way these clothes are remarkable) used clothes, rather than wasting their money on buying brand new ones at extortionate prices. For instance, a recent poll by the Malaysian government found that 60% of ~~female~~ high school female students tend to buy second-hand clothes from online stores as this ~~would~~ helps them save money for their university study fees.

Well done. You have a clear main idea and you have explained it well in relation to the question. You have also supported your main idea with a specific example.

With regard to the second question, I believe that this is a positive phenomenon since buying used outfits helps ~~in~~ to saving save our environment. This is because buying second-hand clothing ~~would~~ reduces producing production of brand new ~~ones~~ clothes, and, as a result, CO2 emissions ~~would be~~ are reduced. For example, a recent report by The New York Times showed that reducing clothing factories' productions by 20% annually would be a positive change towards solving the global warming issue. (this example does not clearly support the idea that buying second-hand clothes achieves this) Therefore, if this trend spreads worldwide, our environment will ~~gain its health back~~ recover to some extent.

You include an example but it does not effectively illustrate your main idea. You should use an example that clearly illustrates your point, not general examples related to the topic.

In conclusion, ~~wearing~~ buying second-hand outfits is on the rise because they are considered ~~as high~~ high-quality, affordable clothes that are easy to find online. (this is not an accurate summary of your main idea, which was that the number of websites offering second-hand clothes has multiplied) This phenomenon is believed to be positive as it ~~would greatly~~ contributes greatly ~~in~~ to protecting the environment.

You have not summarised your main ideas accurately. It is important that you take the main ideas from the main body paragraphs and summarise them in the conclusion.

Task Response- Band 7

You have sufficiently addressed all parts of the task.

You present a well-developed response to the question with relevant, extended and supported ideas.

The only things missing are specific examples. If you included these you would get a Band 8.

You have also made your position very clear throughout the essay.

Suggestion- The one thing lacking in your answer is a specific example for each supporting paragraph.

You can make your examples more specific by including dates, places, names, statistics etc.

See my sample essay below for ideas on how to include examples.

Coherence and Cohesion- Band 6

Your paragraphing and structure are good and you logically arrange your ideas but there are quite a few grammar mistakes that reduce the coherence of your work as they make it difficult to understand what you are trying to say.

Your conclusion is not effective.

Suggestions- Continue to do what you have done with regard to how you have structured your essay and what components to include in each paragraph. To improve your score for Coherence and Cohesion you need to work on your grammar. Pay particular attention to the suggestion for this under your scores below.

Your coherence would benefit if you summarised your main ideas accurately in the conclusion. This makes it much easier for the reader to follow your argument and your essay more cohesive.

Vocabulary- Band 7

You have a very good range of vocabulary and your accuracy is quite good. You can easily explain your ideas and you use some words that are specific to the topic.

To move up to a band 8 in vocabulary, you are expected to use more topic-specific vocabulary and also do this with accuracy.

Suggestions- A word of advice is to continue to focus on using vocabulary with the same accuracy as you've done in this essay. It is very common for students to attempt to 'impress' the examiner with their range of vocabulary, rather than trying to use words that they're sure of and this inevitably results in a score lower than they could get.

It is good to keep yourself motivated and make a record of how many new words you're learning each week. The problem with improving your overall level of vocabulary at your level is that it feels like you're not improving, but the reality is very different. Imagine when you started learning English vocabulary- it was like adding drops of water into a glass and the progress could easily be seen. Now, however, it's like you're adding drops of water into a swimming pool and even though you're progressing at the same rate, it's harder to see the effects.

Grammar- Band 6

Your grammar is not bad, but you do make small mistakes in nearly every sentence. None of your grammar mistakes stop meaning coming through, but there are too many of them to get one of the higher band scores.

Around 50% of your sentences need to be completely error free for you to get a higher band for grammar.

Suggestions- You can do three things.

First, you can identify your common mistakes, review the grammar, and then try to fix them.

Secondly, you can make sure you only write sentences that you are 100% sure about. It is better to be correct than try to show off with fancy grammar and complicated sentences.

Lastly, practice so that you leave yourself at least 2-3 minutes at the end to check for mistakes.

Overall- Band 6.5

This score might be lower than you might have hoped for, but you should see it as a good opportunity to identify your problems and fix them. You should focus on the following things:

- Include one specific example in each main body paragraph.
- Summarise your main ideas accurately in the conclusion.
- Reduce the number of vocabulary mistakes you are making by only using words and phrases you are 100% sure about.
- Reduce the number of grammar mistakes you are making by reading each sentence immediately after you write it to check that it makes sense.
- Proofread your whole essay at the end.

- Plan your answers for 5-10 minutes before writing.

Suggested Resources

Planning- <http://ieltsadvantage.com/2015/07/02/how-to-plan-an-ielts-essay/>

Main body paragraphs- <http://ieltsadvantage.com/2015/05/21/write-supporting-paragraph-ielts/>

Conclusion- <http://ieltsadvantage.com/2015/06/14/ielts-writing-conclusions/>

Examples- <http://ieltsadvantage.com/2015/08/04/using-examples-in-writing-task-2/>

Grammar- <http://ieltsadvantage.com/2015/04/20/ielts-grammar-mistakes/>

Vocabulary- <http://ieltsadvantage.com/vocabulary/>

I would recommend that you consider getting further help with your writing. If you do not, you could fail the test multiple times, costing you money and time.

The advice above will definitely help you but if you want to fully understand what you need to do and improve in the quickest possible time, I would suggest you consider our VIP Course.

The course will provide you with an in-depth knowledge of what you need to do, step-by-step strategies for every part of the writing test and full support from our team of experts.

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Sample Answer

Purchasing used clothing has become more popular recently, particularly among younger people. The main reason this is happening is that today's youths are often short of money and second-hand clothing offers an affordable alternative to new clothes. This is a positive development because it recycles old clothes, helping to reduce negative impacts on the environment.

Second-hand stores sell for a fraction of the price of new items. This is appealing for younger generations, who, due to studying or unemployment, do not have sufficient income available to purchase new clothes. Second-hand outfits are usually sold in good condition and high-fashion brands can often be found meaning many young people enjoy searching for such bargains. For example, the number of second-hand clothes stores in Prague has doubled in the last five years due to their popularity among younger shoppers.

Choosing second-hand clothes over new ones is a form of recycling and has a positive environmental impact. By buying from second-hand shops, young people are reducing the amount of new clothes that have to be produced. This means that the impact on the environment is less severe as less water and chemicals are being used to grow cotton and other crops used to manufacture cloth. Furthermore, the pollution from transporting these products around the world is also reduced. For instance, a recent article in the Independent newspaper stated that the fashion industry was the second most polluting sector, coming only after the oil industry.

In conclusion, more young people are choosing to buy second-hand clothes as a way of saving money and this has a positive impact on the environment by reducing the need to produce and transport new clothing.